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Corps partners with state and local municipalities for Route 18 Wastewater System Project

The US Army Corps of Engineers, Pittsburgh District in partnership with Canton Township, Chartiers Township, Washington County and the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection will hold a Groundbreaking Ceremony for the Canton/Chartiers Interceptor and Collector System for the Route 18 Corridor Project on Friday, Nov. 4 at 3 p.m. The ceremony will take place at Sam's Place, located at 1375 Henderson Avenue in Washington, Pa.

The project consists of the design and construction of sewers for the Rte. 18 corridor that will begin at the end of the existing sanitary sewer system at the intersection of North Hewitt Avenue and Rte. 18 and continue to Lynn Portal Road. This system will include a gravity trunk interceptor and gravity collection systems in Canton and Chartiers Townships, Washington County, Pennsylvania.

Presently this area is served by individual on-lot systems, more than half of which have shown evidence of failure. PADEP has observed and documented the problem. The existing facilities are inadequate and pose a constant threat of bacterial contamination for the area residents, as well as fish, wildlife and downstream property owners. The project will create healthier and safer living conditions for all residents in the service area through the elimination of the discharge of untreated and partially treated sewage into the groundwater.

The Commonwealth will provide \$2,233,812 in H2O PA Act funds for the sewer extension project. The act provides grants to municipalities or authorities to assist with the construction of drinking water, sanitary sewer, flood control and storm sewer projects. The project is also being funded with \$359,100 in Local Share Account funds. Local Share Account funding is derived from gaming revenue generated by the Meadows Racetrack and Casino. In Washington County, the Redevelopment Authority is responsible for administering the Local Share Account funds on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners.

Additionally, the Corps of Engineers is providing \$1,000,000 of Section 313, South Central Pennsylvania Environmental Improvement Program, funds to support the design and construction of this project. Section 313 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1992 established this program to provide design and construction assistance for water-related environmental infrastructure and resource protection and development projects in 15 counties in southwestern Pennsylvania. The Section 313 Program authorizes Federal assistance to provide design and construction oversight to communities for projects involving wastewater treatment and related facilities, water supply, storage, treatment and distribution facilities, and surface water resource protection and development projects. These projects directly improve the environment and the quality of life in the program area and contribute to the national goal of improving environmental quality.

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